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SUBJECT: PARTY SHIFTS AS CONFIDENCE VOTE APPROACHES

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SUMMARY: AS THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT BEGINS COUNTDOWN FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, ADDITIONAL REGROUPING AMONG MEMBERS OF JUSTICE (JP), REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S (RPP), DEMOCRATIC (DP) AND REPUBLICAN RELIANCE (RR) PARTIES FURTHER COMPLICATES ESTIMATING OUTCOME OF VOTE. WHILE DEMIREL STILL HAS A SLIGHT EDGE, FURTHER LAST-MINUTE SHIFTS OF PARTY ALLEGIANCE BEFORE VOTE MAY ALTER PROSPECTS. END SUMMARY

1. THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT'S PREPARATIONS FOR A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, WHICH COULD BE HELD AS EARLY AS APRIL 11, HAVE BEEN
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ACCOMPANIED BY FURTHER SHIFTS BETWEEN THE JUSTICE (JP),

REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S (RPP), DEMOCRATIC (DP) AND REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTIES (RR). SINCE THE RESIGNATION REPORTED REF A, HASAN DEGER, ONE OF THE "NINE" WHO RESIGNED FROM DP, JOINED RPP TOGETHER WITH FORMER DEFMIN ILHAMI SANCAR WHO QUIT THE RR; HATAY DEPUTY SAIT RESA LEFT RPP FOR JP. THESE SHIFTS HAVE ALTERED TALLY OF SEATS AS FOLLOWS: RPP 189; JP 150; NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) 49; DP 31; RR 11; NATIONAL ACTION PARTY (NAP) 3; TURKISH UNITY PARTY (TUP) 1; INDEPENDENT 13; VACANT 3.

2. AT PRESENT, ODDS CONTINUE SLIGHTLY IN FAVOR DEMIREL COALITION, SINCE TOTAL OF JP, NSP, RR, NAP AND DECLARED INDEPENDENTS WOULD GIVE 225 VOTES AGAINST 220 FOR OPPOSITION (RPP'S 188 VOTING MEMBERS, PLUS FUP'S 31 AND THE SINGLE TUP MEMBER). FIGURES WILL PROABLY CONTINUE CHANGE, HOWEVER, AS POLITICKING INTENSIFIES WITH APPROACH OF VOTING DEADLINE.
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